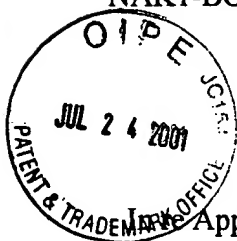


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Copies of these references and a form PTO 1449 are attached.

Also attached is the priority document, Japan 2000-140903, in accordance with 35 USC § 119.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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